

## Church News.

### GLEANINGS FROM THE WAYSIDE.

All nature is seemingly rejoicing. When we look out from our study window and see the beautiful flowers and the fruit trees all robed in their mantle of snow white bloom and hear the sweet song of the birds in their natural haunts, we feel like the Psalmist to say, "Praise the Lord for his goodness to the children of men." Sunday last was our appointment at Salem, Ind. There we have a very enterprising class, a good Sunday-school, well attended. A young sister, Della Hendricks, eighteen years of age is superintendent. Sunday was a busy day for us at that place. Sunday-school at 9:30 A. M., preaching at 10:30, A. M., baptizing at 3 P. M. Four converts were baptized in the presence of at least one thousand spectators. Preaching at 7:30 P. M., and confirmation at 8:30 P. M. The house was crowded to its full capacity. Perfect order prevailed throughout the entire service. "Bless the Lord, oh, my soul and all that is within me bless his holy name." Yours for salvation through Christ.

WM. W. SUMMERS.

North Manchester, Ind..

### FROM ALEPPO, PA.

We are still doing what we can for the Master. Our S. S. is moving along nicely. Brothers Lough and Grandon our superintendents, who by the help of the other officers and teachers will move the work along. Since our last report we were permitted to pay a short visit to the brethren of Pittsburg, and to preach some for them and were only sorrow we could not stay longer. We realized what we had heard in regard to these Brethren. "That if a minister did not feel welcome and at home it was his own fault." We found the church, the S. S., the K. C. and the S. S. C. E., all moving along nicely. Last Saturday evening one more confessed Christ and was buried with him in baptism. Hope others may follow soon. We are now teaching a graded school at the church at Aleppo. Ten weeks term. I have over forty pupils. So you see we have no time to be idle. Success to the Master's cause.

J. M. MURRAY.

### FROM BOND, KANSAS.

The Brethren will hold their semi-annual love-feast at the Fairview Brethren church Saturday evening, May 11. All of same faith invited. Church is situated sixteen miles southwest of Lawrence, Kansas.

April 15.

S. W. METSKER.

### CALIFORNIA ITEMS.

We had a pleasant session of the State Conference on the 4th and 5th of April, at Lathrop. Next year it will be held at Turlock. Our California campmeeting, will be held at the same place it was last fall, near Ripon, in Brother Cook's grove. The time has not yet been agreed upon, but it will be during the light of the moon in either August or September.

### NOTICE.

We will need a minister to conduct the services during campmeeting. We want one who is sound in the faith and doctrine, and free from saloon and lodge influences, two giant evils we have to contend against here. He should be able to preach twice a day, and we wish him to remain and preach at least two months after campmeeting. Those who think they can fill the bill, do the work, and come at that time and remain during the period specified, and who would desire to do so, will please write to brother J. P. Wolfe, Lathrop, Calif., as soon as they know what they may be able to do. If you cannot come until after National Conference, please say so.

### PERSONAL.

My health is some better. I preached three sermons at Lathrop, at conference time. I spent nearly a week at brother Ed Wolfe's after conference, resting and eating. It is as much Lizzie's as it is Ed's, but we are in the habit of naming the places after the men. During conference I was entertained at Brethren Abilo and John Wolfe's. By the way, those Wolfe brethren are noted for marrying characteristic women, from Elder George, down to the last venture in the matrimonial line. Brother John P's *better* (in some particulars only) half is decidedly of that class. I am at home with them all. So I am also at brother Jacob Miller's, at San Jose, where I am writing this epistle. I thank God that I have many good friends in this world, if I have not much money. But it is beginning to be a mystery to me how I came to have them, and to hold them, unamiable, outspoken, sarcastic and austere, as I feel myself to *have been*. I receive it as a blessing from God, in accordance with Mark 10: 29, 30, for which I try to be thankful both to the giver and the *gifts*.

Brother J. P. Wolfe and I did a little house to house mission work among the brethren and sisters in this vicinity. I believe our visit was appreciated. He has returned to his home, and I may tarry here until it is decided whether or not, we shall go east this summer.

This is a delightful country, a delight-

ful season of the year, beautiful and happy home in which I am staying, and O that God would help us to appreciate all the good things we have, and to glorify him in the use and enjoyment of them. Let us be good, but if we can't be good, then let us be as good as we can.

Fraternally,

H. R. HOLSINGER.

### EXPLANATION.

#### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

I understand some of those who contributed toward building a church here at Keller wish to know what we are doing with the funds. I will answer inasmuch as we could not succeed in getting enough to warrant us to go ahead and begin, we have concluded to return the money at hand to those who gave it. To brother George A. Copp, we gave that contributed at the convention which met at Shendun, Va., with the request that he take it to that body when they meet again. If they are willing he should put it in a building association for a few years, until perhaps we could see our way clear to accept it again if they are willing or do with it as they desire. I have written to Brother Long to know what to do with what he collected for us, but he has not replied. Part of it is in the land we purchased, and the small amounts, dimes and quarters will go to some good purpose you may be sure. It was very little. Hoping this will be satisfactory to all concerned I am respectfully,

S. M. SNADER, Secretary.

W. G. SNADER, Treasurer.

### RESOLUTION.

*Resolved*, That the Brethren church of Philadelphia encourage elder H. R. Holsinger to undertake if possible the proposed eastern trip as mentioned by him in the EVANGELIST of April 3, 1895, and engage to assist in paying the expenses of such trip.

*Resolved*, That we send Brother Holsinger a copy of the above and that another copy be sent to the BRETHREN EVANGELIST for publication.

By order of the church.

WM. KOLB, Jr., Secretary.

### COMMUNION NOTICE.

The Brethren at Hudson, Ia., will hold their spring communion Sunday evening, May 12, beginning at 7 o'clock. All who wish to consecrate themselves anew to God to worship and praise him in his appointed way are invited to come, and partake of these emblems.

TIME spent in prayer is not wasted.